## STATE OF ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

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IN THE MATTER OF: James D. French a/k/a Tom J. Wolf,	)	File Number: 1600690
James D. French d/b/a Wolf Pack Oil and Gas, and	)	
James D. French d/b/a Wolf Pack Oil Gas, LLC	)	
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## TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROHIBITION

TO THE RESPONDENT: James D. French a/k/a Tom J. Wolf

913 Bell Oak Drive Kennedale, Texas 76060

James D. French d/b/a Wolf Pack Oil and Gas

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James D. French d/h/a Wolf Pack Oil and Gas, LLC

P.O. Box 170874

Arlington, Texas 76003

On information and belief, I, Jesse White, Secretary of State for the State of Illinois, through my designated representative, who has been fully advised in the premises by the staff of the Securities Department, Office of the Secretary of State, herein find:

- 1. The Respondent James D. French a/k/a Tom J. Wolf is an individual with a last known address of 913 Bell Oak Drive, Kennedale, Texas 76060.
- 2. In 2015 James D. French filed an "Assumed Name Certificate for an Unincorporated Business or Profession" to do business as Wolf Pack Oil and Gas.
- 3. In 2015 under the alias Tom J. Wolf offered and sold units in Wolf Pack Oil and Gas, LLC, Black Rock Prospect Series to at least one Illinois investor.
- 4. In the corresponding Private Placement Memorandum Tom J. Wolf held himself out as the founder, President and CEO of Wolf Pack Oil and Gas, LLC. This is an untrue statement.
- 5. On April 28, 2014 the Texas State Securities Board issued an Emergency Cease and Desist Order against James D. French. This order became final on May 29,

- 2014. This action was not disclosed in the Private Placement Memorandum mentioned above.
- 6. The transactions detailed above constitutes the offer and sale of a security as those terms are defined in Sections 2.1, 2.5, and 2.5a of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 [815 ILCS 5/1 et. seq.] (the "Act").
- 7. That Section 5 of the Act provides, <u>inter alia</u>, that all securities except those exempt under Section 3 or those offered or sold in transactions exempt under Section 4 shall be registered either by coordination or by qualification prior to their offer or sale in the State of Illinois.
- 8. That Respondents failed to file with the Secretary of State an application for registration of the securities described above as required by the Act and that as a result the securities were not registered pursuant to Section 5 of the Act prior to its offer in the State of Illinois.
- 9. That Section 12.A of the Act provides, <u>inter alia</u>, that it shall be a violation for any person to offer or sell any security except in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
- 10. That Section 12.D of the Act provides, inter alia, that it shall be a violation for any person to fail to file with the Secretary of State any application, report or document required to be filed under the provisions of the Act or any rule or regulation made by the Secretary of State pursuant to the Act.
- 11. Section 12.F of the Act provides that it shall be a violation of the provisions of this Act for any person to engage in any transaction, practice or course of business in connection with the sale or purchase of securities which works or tends to work a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser or seller thereof.
- 12. That Section 12.G of the Act provides that it shall be a violation of the provisions of this Act for any person to provide, obtain money or property through the sale of securities by means of any untrue statement of material factor any omission to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.
- 13. By virtue of the foregoing, Respondents violated Sections 12.A, 12.D, 12.F and 12.G of the Act.
- 14. That the aforementioned findings are based upon credible evidence.
- 15. That Section 11.F (2) of the Act provides, <u>inter alia</u>, that the Secretary of State may temporarily prohibit the offer or sale of securities by any person, without notice and prior hearing, if the Secretary of State shall deem it necessary to prevent an imminent violation of the Act or to prevent losses to investors that will occur as a result of prior violations of the Act.

## Temporary Order of Prohibition

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16. The entry of this Temporary Order prohibiting Respondents from offering or selling securities in or from the State of Illinois is in the public interest and for the protection of the investing public and is consistent with the purposes intended by the provisions of the Act.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT: pursuant to the authority granted by Section 11.F of the Act, Respondent James D. French a/k/a Tom J. Wolf, Respondent James D. French d/b/a Wolf Pack Oil and Gas and Respondent James D. French d/b/a Wolf Pack Oil and Gas, LLC are TEMPORAILY PROHIBITED from offering or selling securities in or from the State of Illinois for a period of ninety (90) days; and

NOTICE is hereby given that Respondents may request a hearing on this matter by transmitting such request in writing to the Director, Illinois Securities Department, 69 West Washington Street, Suite 1220, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Such request must be made within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of entry of the Temporary Order of Prohibition. Upon receipt of a request for hearing, a hearing will be scheduled as soon as reasonably practicable. A request for hearing will not stop the effectiveness of this Temporary Order and will extend the effectiveness of this Temporary Order for sixty days from the date the hearing request is received by the Department.

FAILURE BY ANY RESPONDENT TO REQUEST A HEARING WITHIN THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF THIS TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROHIBITION SHALL CONSTITUTE AN ADMISSION OF ANY FACTS ALLEGED HEREIN AND SHALL CONSTITUTE SUFFICIENT BASIS TO MAKE THIS TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROHIBITION FINAL.

Dated: This day of September 20

JESSE WHITE Secretary of State State of Illinois

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